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Re: Proposed Amendment to Waterway Planned Development 1339 (2017 N Mendell St)

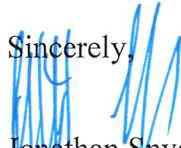
Dear Ald. Hopkins:

North Branch Works has reviewed the proposed amendment to Waterway Planned Development 1339 submitted by 2017 Baker Mendell, LLC. The amendment would add Cannabis Craft Grow (including accessory Cannabis Dispensary), Cannabis Processor, and Cannabis Infuser as allowed uses. We support this amendment as a way to expand business and job opportunities along the North Branch.

We at North Branch Works are working with stakeholders to ensure that this area is a vibrant, business-rich area with job generating uses. NBW has a long-standing interest in promoting business uses that provide job opportunities for local residents. Founded in 1982 as an affiliate of the New City YMCA, and established as the Local Economic and Employment Development (LEED) Council, our organization became an independent not-for-profit community development corporation in 2001. As a delegate agency of the Chicago Department of Planning & Development, we serve businesses in the North River, Addison & Kennedy/Kimball Industrial Corridors.

We look forward to working with your office and the property owner to help support the high-quality family-sustaining job opportunities that cannabis craft growers, infusers, and processors would provide. We will continue to work with all stakeholders to ensure that traffic issues are minimized in order to help new uses work with the surrounding business neighbors. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,


Jonathan Snyder
Executive Director

cc: Baker Development
Chicago Department of Planning and Development